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Ms. Joan Kodani  
Executive Secretary  
Environmental Quality Commission  
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Dear Ms. Kodani:

Proposed Exemption List  
Department of Land Utilization  
City and County of Honolulu

The Environmental Center review of the above cited exemption list was prepared by Jacquelin Miller and Garret Kawamura, Environmental Center. Our comments are identified by exemption class and the item proposed for exemption under the specific class.

## Exemption Class No. 3

### Item 1: Fences, walls.

It would seem appropriate to include some limiting dimensions both in height and length for the requested exemption from further environmental review of fences and walls. The inclusion of fences under exemption Class 3(e) requires that they be accessory or appurtenant structures. Would it be appropriate to request DLU to clarify in their requested exemption, the types of structures which they foresee as requiring appurtenant fencing so that the exemption will have some direction? Would the exemption of walls include walls within the shoreline area or along drainage channels? If so, it would seem appropriate to qualify the requested exemption so as to exclude walls within these environmentally sensitive areas.

### Item 3: Signs.

The exemption for signs should take into consideration the dimensions of the sign, whether it will be illuminated and the district in which it is being constructed.

### Item 4: Wind generators.

The description of this exempt item should be expanded to specify the scale of operations which would be exempt. Exemption Class 3 under EQC Regulations 1:33a is intended to address the construction of small-scale facilities and structures. Wind-powered generating units could have a significant impact on the environment due to noise, safety, aesthetics, television interference, or by altering the landscape of an area and reducing its economic value. Height and diameter limitations should be considered in defining this exempt item.